

## ABSTRACT

A rotation key device for a portable terminal which includes a rotation key  
5 configured to rotate in forward and reverse directions. The rotation key device  
comprises a base plate, which is attached, at a lower surface thereof, to an upper surface  
of a first printed circuit board (PCB) mounted in a body of the portable terminal. A  
second PCB is attached to the upper surface of the base plate and is provided with a  
plurality of contact surfaces. A ring-shaped washer is attached to the upper surface of  
10 the second PCB, a rotation key is attached to the upper surface of the ring-shaped  
washer so that it can rotate in forward and reverse directions by a force applied thereto,  
a contact plate is provided in the rotation key, with a plurality of contact terminals, and a  
fixed button is coupled with the center of the rotation key so that the rotation key is  
rotatable.